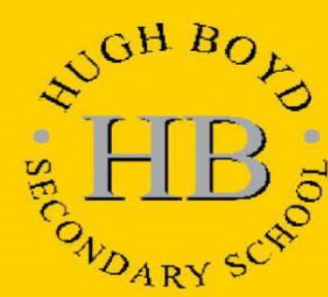


# Hugh Boyd Secondary School Newsletter August 2024



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

**BY** Mr. J. Leslie (Principal)

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> is fast approaching, and it is time to think about going back to school!** I hope this newsletter finds you still enjoying the fantastic weather this summer!

Though there is still some holiday time left it is not too soon to begin thinking about the possibilities offered with the fresh start we are provided every September. Each student has the opportunity to decide on their own, individual goals for this school year. Whether your child wishes to improve academic achievement, become a member of a sports team, get involved in service activities or clubs, or explore post-secondary options, Hugh Boyd has many opportunities to offer. Our goal is for each child to achieve his or her full potential.

Inside this newsletter you will find information about school start up and the schedule for the first day of school. Our **first PAC meeting will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the library** and all parents are welcome to attend. In the spirit of protecting our environment and saving on paper, our regular newsletters will be posted on our website: <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/>. We will also email newsletters to you but please ensure your current email address is filled in on your child's **verification/medical form**, which will be sent home with students on the first day of school.

As parents, you play a key role in your child's education and it is not too early to begin conversations around the importance of good work habits, regular study time, and establishing personal bests as this year's goal.

We have had a significant change in staff this year with several new teachers joining the Hugh Boyd team. We are very much looking forward to having your children meet our newest Boyd staff members.

The school is clean and looks great and we are excited to get things started again. Enjoy the last days of summer – on behalf of the entire Hugh Boyd staff **we look forward to working with you and your children in the 2024-2025 school year.**

--Mr. Jason Leslie (Principal)



### MISSION STATEMENT

Hugh Boyd develops compassionate and respectful young adults who are well- balanced, principled inquires with an understanding of their responsibilities within society and as global citizens. Students balance academic excellence with attributes that allow them to realize their potential as whole learners in a dynamic and complex world.

## Important Dates

### AUG 2024

Wed, Aug 28.....New International Student Orientation



### SEP 2024

Tue. Sept 3 ..... Homerooms and Grade Assemblies  
Wed. Sept 4..... First Day of Semester 1 Classes (ABCD)  
Sept. 6, 13, Oct 4.....Gr. 8 Activity Days  
Thur. Sept 19 .....Meet the Teacher Night (6:30 PM)  
Thurs, Sept 12..... Terry Fox Run  
Fri. Sept 20 .....Pro-D Day (*no classes in session*)  
Mon. Sept 30.....National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  
(*school closed*)

## Notice of Late Return

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS.  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

Our first day of school will be **Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**. If you cannot attend on the first day of class, Please complete this “*Notice of Late Return*” form and email it back to Boyd at [boyd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:boyd@sd38.bc.ca)

The late return form (can be found on the school website) is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to school **LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 4, 2024**. If a student is **not** returning on or before **September 15, 2024**, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students’ late return.

**In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2024, that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the Principal.**

## Homestays Needed

The Richmond School District is seeking short- and longer-term homestays for international students from over 30 countries starting immediately. We have over 20 years of experience supporting students and homestays in the Richmond area. Get in touch with our homestay department to learn more about how you can welcome an international student into your home.



## New International Student Orientation

As indicated in the Welcome Back letter that was emailed home, Boyd will be hosting an Orientation for International students new to our school. International **students** new to Boyd will have an orientation on **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the library**. We want to make your adjustment to your new surroundings as comfortable as possible, so we hope you are able to make the Orientation.

### Counsellors-

Mr. P. Lam: (A-M)

[pklam@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:pklam@sd38.bc.ca)

Mr. R. McDonnell: (L-Z)

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Ms. M. Takada:

[mtakada@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mtakada@sd38.bc.ca)

### Career Counsellor and Scholarship Resource

Mr. Hans Ng - [hng@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:hng@sd38.bc.ca)

Office Hours: Mon & Wed 8:00 - 3:30

### Library Services

Teacher Librarian: Ms. J. Leung

Library Technician: Ms. S. Moor

[Website](#)

Hugh Boyd Library Learning Commons HUB is open Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00, and Friday from 8:00-3:30. A safe space for students to collaborate in groups or find a quiet place sit, eat, and relax. Students can sign out technology like laptops, Ipads, podcasting microphones, headphones, and more. Students can use the 3D printer, desktops for printing, or use three collaboration screens for projects. Everyone is welcome!

## New School Year packages email:

To help all of you get the year off to an organized start, we have sent home electronically:

- *Information about KEV School Cash online payment accounts*
- *A Welcome Back Letter*
  - *with description of the first days of school*
- *Information about the MySchoolDay digital Agenda App*
- *End of Summer Newsletter*
- *A Grade 8 Handbook with helpful tips*
- **Coming soon: Information about the Grade 8 Welcoming Activities!**

## Course Change Requests

Please be aware that the Timetable (as it is every year), is incredibly tight. **Students may now see their Timetable in the Student Portal of MyEdBC, but please be aware that Timetables are still in DRAFT form, and you receive your schedule in Homeroom on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a more accurate schedule.** We go to great lengths to ensure that students get what they asked for in the Spring (when the Timetable is built-based upon student requests). If a student changes their mind or did not take a course in the summer that they had originally planned to, it can be very difficult to make changes to schedules. *Corrections are only to be requested if a student has an incorrect course, is programmed into the wrong grade level, or has a gap in their schedule.* Counsellors will be working feverishly to make as many corrections as they can, but not everything will be possible, and we ask that all families remain patient and follow the schedule they were given until they have been advised of a change. If you wish to make a request, it is imperative that you fill out course request change form available from the Counseling center. **Please DO NOT line up to see your Counsellor in person.** Counsellors will be busy meeting with students without a schedule for the first few days and will reach out to students if they need to speak with you. Please use the **Course Change Request form (from your Counsellor or the office)** if you need to make any changes. All course change request forms must be submitted by **3:00 PM Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## First Day of School-Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Grade 9-10** students report to the Large Gym for **Welcome Back Assembly**. In homeroom, students will receive their schedule, locker info and student verification/medical form and will be able to pay fee statements. Students are asked to bring their own lockers, but if you do not have one, you may purchase one from us for \$10.00 from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant.
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Grade 11 - 12** students will start in the Large gym for a **Welcome Back Assembly** and then will be directed to their homeroom classes to receive their schedules, lockers, verification/medical forms and pay fee statements. Students are asked to bring their own lockers, but if you do not have one, you may purchase one from us for \$10.00 from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant.
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Grade 8** students will start with a **Welcome Assembly** in the Large Gym and then be directed to their homeroom classes to receive their schedules, lockers, fee statements and verification/medical forms. Students are recommended to use the theft-resistant lock provided by the school which can be purchased from your Homeroom teacher or the Business Assistant for \$10.00.

**Most importantly, do not share your combination with anyone else. The lock you will be provided with is yours to keep. There is a charge of \$10.00 for the lock, but you will not have to return it to us.**

**Leadership students and teachers will be available in the halls to assist students new to the school. Homeroom lists will be published and placed on the window at the front of the school at the end of the day on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to find their homeroom by looking through the list to find their name (listed alphabetically by last name), then cross-referencing their Homeroom, ie: 1, 2, 3, etc., with the room number list next to the student name list. New students should bring our school map with them this week. All students will report to the large gym on the first day (September 4<sup>th</sup>).**

### Homerooms September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

We will have a brief **homeroom class each morning** for Wednesday-Friday of the first week to provide students with relevant information and obtain accurate attendance figures. Each homeroom teacher will also review the school expectations and procedures, distribute agendas, and answer ongoing questions students may have.

**It is very important that you attend this homeroom class each day. If you do not attend homeroom during the early days of the school year, your home will be phoned. If we are unable to contact you, we will assume you are attending another school and you will be withdrawn from Boyd.**

## Fee Statements

We will be sending home Fee statements in Homeroom this year. All families should have set up an account for the **KEV Cash Online system**. Once those accounts have been created and students have been attached to the accounts, parents will get notification of outstanding fees. We should have many of the standard fees (*Basic Fee-\$28, Optional Grad Fees, Grade 8 Activity Day fee, optional Locker fee, Yearbook fee etc.*) uploaded into the system by **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, and parents should be able to start paying immediately. Credit Card payment is an option. **Please be sure to set up your account and attach your child(ren) so you are aware of upcoming fees.**

## Meet the Teacher

You will be able to meet your son or daughter's teachers on the evening of **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. All students will be given a handout that allows parents to copy down their child's classes and teacher names. This event is a great way for parents to put a face to the name of the people who will be working so closely with your children. We hope to see many of our parents at this event.

## Student Information Verification/Medical Forms and Media Release Forms

Students will receive their Media Release forms via homeroom. Please ensure it is signed and returned to Homeroom teachers by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> so your child's photograph can be displayed in the Yearbook etc. We will also be sending home a Student Information Verification/Medical Form with your child on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please ensure that the Student Information Verification Form is filled out with current, accurate, information. Please be sure to include the name and number of an alternate contact who speaks English. **Please make any changes directly onto the form and return to your child's Homeroom teacher as soon as possible or by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to include an accurate email address.**

## Protect Personal Belongings

The best defense against acts of theft is to not bring valuable items to school. Protect your belongings and do not leave money or other valuables in an unattended bag, locker or changing room. Students should **LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME!**

## Academic Honesty

We believe that every student has the responsibility to participate actively in their own learning. When faced with problems to solve or assignments to complete, it is the thinking and the effort a student puts into researching, reading, writing and re-writing that allows one to truly learn.

Similarly, submitting the work of another student, tutor, parent, friend, etc. as your own work (even though it has been properly footnoted and referenced) is plagiarism and not acceptable at school. This applies equally to written work and projects (ie: Web design, tech projects, artwork, and photos). Tutors should not write, re-write or significantly edit large sections of work for a student. It is the student's responsibility to avoid deliberate or accidental plagiarism and to verify and account for all their own work and learning.

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory group meets on the second Thursday of each month. The first meeting of the 2024 - 2025 year is at **7:00 PM on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us as we get acquainted, learn about the school and set our goals for this year. ***New Members Welcome!***

## Grade 8 Activity Day

Plans are still being finalized for the annual **Grade 8 Activity Day**, scheduled for **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. This fun way to connect with all the new people in the **Grad class of 2028** will include some fun team-building games at the school, followed by a bus trip to Lucky Nine lanes for some 10-pin bowling and a pizza lunch. Students will then return to the school to write a "*Letter to themselves*" that is returned when they Graduate in June of 2028. This event is attended by almost every Grade 8 student and is a great way to kick off the year. ***These plans are still being finalized and more information will be coming out soon.*** Be sure to sign up for this fun event. **Information, permission forms and cost breakdown will be sent in an email by September 13<sup>th</sup>**. Let's try to have 100% turn-out and get the year off to a great start!

## Lockers and Agendas

All students will be issued a **locker** by their Homeroom teacher on the first day of school. You are welcome to bring in your own lock, but you will need to record your combination with your Homeroom teacher. If you do not have a lock, we are selling them. Students can buy a limited number of them from their Homeroom teacher for **\$10** each. Always use your locker to keep from carrying books that are too heavy and be sure to keep it clean. To ensure the safety of your belongings, always use your locker for anything valuable (do not bring money or electronics to the Gym Change rooms), and do not share your locker combination with **ANYONE!**

**Agendas** are also being provided to all students this year. **Hard copies** will be available for all **Grade 8s**, and there is a digital **APP** for Grade 9-12 students (and parents) to use on their phones and other devices. We will review how to use and download the APP during the Grade Assemblies on September 5<sup>th</sup>, but we want to encourage everyone (including parents) to use the App to help you stay organized and informed! Information about this APP is attached to this email.

## School supplies

We recommend that students wait until they have met with each of their teachers before purchasing too many school supplies or equipment. Students should, however, bring a **pen, a binder and some paper** for the first few days of school. The information will come to you quickly, so you will need to stay organized.

## School and Grad Photos

Boyd is having its school photographs on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. This photo will be used on student Go-Cards and parents will have the option to purchase packages of the photos. Information on the packages will come from **Artona**. Photo retake day will be on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, for anyone unhappy with their photo or for those who were absent on the first day.

**Formal Graduation Photos** will also be taken by **Artona** and they will be bringing a trailer to the school parking lot **February 22-26, 2025**. Graduates will have to make an appointment, dress the part and be ready to take the photo that parents will want to buy and is used on the **Graduation Composite**. For more information, please go to the **Artona** website at: <https://artona.com>

## Early Warning Phone Line

Boyd appreciates all communication from home about students and families. In order to keep us aware of students who will be absent from school, we ask that parents use the **EARLY WARNING LINE** at **(604)668-7813**. This number is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Please report your child's absence by calling Boyd on this number. Thank you in advance.

## Collaboration Days and Personal Learning Time

Hugh Boyd is happy to continue with **PERSONAL LEARNING TIME** for the 2024-25 school year. This block of 55 minutes of instructional time gives control back to the students and they get to select which class and what teacher they want to see. It will be offered twice a week, every **Tuesday and Thursday**, starting **Tuesday, September 10**. **Students who feel they do not need the extra time with a teacher can stay at home and sleep in, but if you come to school, you must be prepared to be in a classroom, doing some schoolwork.** Be sure to take advantage of this very valuable learning time. It helps to keep marks high and homework low when used properly!

Boyd also has **Collaboration time**, which is where students have a late start while teachers meet and plan new activities and lesson ideas for their classes. **Collaboration time** is not new to Boyd (we have been doing it for 8 years) and happens the **first Wednesday of each month** except September and January, starting **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **Collaboration Time** runs from **8:30-9:45** and classes will start at 9:50 on these days. End of day dismissal on all these days is unchanged at 3:00 PM.

## Register your Bike

It is important to remember to leave your valuables (money, wallets, computers, phones etc) at home or locked up safely in your locker. Please do not leave them unattended anywhere in the school, especially in the gym change rooms. We have also had a rash of bike thefts from our front bike racks at the school. We are working with the RCMP to identify the persons responsible (using our recently installed video surveillance cameras), but we are reminding student to **register their bicycle** with **Project 529**, a program run by the Vancouver City Police to track your bicycle. <https://project529.com/garage>

**WHENEVER YOU CAN, PLEASE TRY TO LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME!!!**

## Teen Mental Health

Anxiety, depression and other mental disorders can affect between 15% - 20% of adolescents at some point during their teen years and we anticipate some of these numbers could rise as we emerge from the pandemic. Good mental health is more than just a lack of mental illness, however, as life is full of ups and downs and having the knowledge and strategies to cope with stressors can be effective in preventing a mental disorder from occurring during adolescence or later in life. Please be sure to communicate with your child about how they are feeling and if you need some help, please contact our Counsellors. ***Being a teenager has never been filled with more pressure and we need to be aware of the signals if our kids are struggling.***

## Learning Centre Help

Boyd is continuing with its Learning Resource Centre model. Students are now welcome to attend the Resource center on a drop-in basis, provided they have permission from their classroom teacher. Any student in need of some extra assistance in a subject area may come to the Resource Centre to get assistance from the teachers in the room. If your child can benefit from this extra assistance, please remind them to advocate for themselves and take advantage of this tremendous support. It is open to all students and can also be accessed during PLT.

## Attendance/Early Dismissal

Attendance is taken in each class during the day. If a student is absent first period and the school has not been notified, the school WILL phone students in Grades 8-11. If a student misses a later class, you MAY get a call from a classroom teacher, administrator or Counsellor to find out why he/she was absent. Recorded messages are also sent home at the end of the day, alerting parents to any class missed by their child via the Synvoice system. Regular attendance is necessary for successful learning.

If students need to leave the school during the day, please send them to the office with a note, signed by a parent, indicating when they should be dismissed. **Students MUST sign out at the office before he/she leaves, either with a note or phone call from a parent.**

## Student Timetables for 2024-25

All students will get their 2024-25 Timetables on the first day of school (**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**). Please look at you schedule to ensure you have all the classes you need and want in order to fulfill your educational goals. School is now out for summer, so you will be unable to speak with anyone about changes. All course change requests will be handled in order, and must be submitted using the Course Change request form available in the Counselling center or the office so *if you need a change, please complete this form*. If a change is possible, your Counsellor will contact you. Please understand, however, that changes to student Timetables will be exceedingly difficult, because the Timetable is quite tight. We have been sharing information with students and families throughout, so hopefully nothing you see next week will be a surprise to you. **Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

## Congratulations to the Grads of 2024

The **Class of 2024** needs to be commended for all they have achieved in their years at Hugh Boyd. We hosted a spectacular **Valedictory Ceremony** at **UBC Chan Centre on June 1<sup>st</sup>**, where students were recognized for the **Awards** and **Scholarships** they won. The year was capped off by the fabulous celebrations of the **Dinner/Dance at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course**, followed by the **Dry After Grad** at the school. It looked like all students had a great time, and we need to thank **Mr. Chan** and the **Grad Committee** for all the work done to organize the **Dinner/Dance**, as well as several parents who worked incredibly hard to organize, plan and fundraise for the very successful **Dry Grad on June 24<sup>th</sup>**. ***Thank you for everything!*** *The class of 2024 will be fondly remembered and have set a great example for future Graduates.* **Congratulations!**

## Athletics

Hugh Boyd is excited to welcome back all student athletes for the 2024/25 season! The fall season gets underway during the first week back at school with girls' volleyball, Sr boys' volleyball, cross country running, swimming, and boys' soccer. There is open gym for all students interested in trying out for volleyball next week (Monday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday Aug 28<sup>th</sup>) from 10am to 12pm. We are always looking for community and parent coaches and sponsors to help coach various teams. We are currently looking for volleyball coaches for our girls' teams and a parent to help sponsor our swim team. If you have some coaching experience and are keen to help out, please contact Boyd's Athletic Director, Rachel Maika ([rmaika@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rmaika@sd38.bc.ca)). Be sure to stay informed on all of Boyd's Athletic announcements, by following @boydathletics on Instagram. We look forward to another fun and successful year in athletics at Hugh Boyd. Go Hawks!

Fall season sports will be getting started soon, so listen to the announcements for try-out days and times. If you are wanting to volunteer to help coach a team or referee, manage or score keep, listen to the announcements, and find the Athletic Director (Mrs. Maika) or coach of the team you want to help.

## Timetable Structure for 2024-25

Boyd will again be using a **Semester model** (4 classes for half the year, then 4 new courses in the second half). Start and end times remain **8:30 AM** and **3:00 PM** with 10 minutes between classes and a **45-minute lunch**. **Personalized Learning Time** will return to Boyd, offered from **8:30-9:25 AM** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, where students can get additional help from the teacher(s) of their choice. See below for the schedule. We will follow next year. *If you have questions about this model, please contact the school.*

MON			TUES			WED			THURS			FRI		
A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	B	8:30 AM	9:50 AM	PLT	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	A	8:30 AM	9:50 AM
BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00	BREAK	9:25	9:30	BREAK	9:50	10:00
B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	A	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	A	10:00 AM	11:20 AM	B	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	B	10:00 AM	11:20 AM
BREAK	11:20AM	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30	BREAK	10:35	10:45	BREAK	11:20	11:30
C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	B	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	D	11:30 AM	12:50 PM	A	10:45 AM	11:50 AM	C	11:30 AM	12:50 PM
LUNCH	12:50	13:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35	BREAK	11:50	12:00	LUNCH	12:50	1:35
D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	C	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	C	1:40 PM	3:00 PM	D	12:00 PM	1:05 PM	D	1:40 PM	3:00 PM
			LUNCH	13:05	13:50				LUNCH	1:05	1:50	***ALTERNATE DAY 1/2 ROTATIONS		
			D	1:55 PM	3:00 PM				C	1:55 PM	3:00 PM			

\*\*\*We will also be rotating our blocks such that Monday and Tuesday will fall ABCD, while Wednesday and Thursday will fall BADC (starting in week 2). Fridays will alternate between being Day 1 (ABCD) and Day 2 (BADC). We know this may be confusing at the start, but we will help you and it will all become normal very quickly.

### Pick up/Drop off

Help us make Hugh Boyd a safe school and a good neighbor by doing what you can to ease the traffic congestion in the area. Number 1 Road can be very busy, and we encourage parents and all other drivers not to enter the parking lot from the West side of the building. We also encourage students to walk or bike to school. If you **MUST** pick up or drop off, please do so before 8:00 AM and do not stop in the parking lot, rather proceed to the drop off area in front of the school.

### Smoking and Vaping

Smoking is a serious health hazard and students and adults are **NOT PERMITTED** to smoke anywhere on school property. We encourage healthy habits at Boyd and will actively dissuade students found smoking or vaping in areas where they are not permitted.

### Cellphones/Devices

Cellphones and other electronic devices are not to be used, seen or heard during class time, unless permission has been granted by the classroom teacher. These can be very valuable learning tools, but they need to be used appropriately, and must not become a distraction. We ask that parents **DO NOT** call or text your child while they are in class. In case of emergency, please call the school office at (604)668-6615 and we will contact your child for you.

### Stay Connected to Boyd Secondary

Please stay connected to our school and join the over **600** students, parents, alumni, and community members who are already following Boyd on **Twitter (X)**! This is a great way to get short reminders and updates of all that is happening at Boyd Secondary. Twitter is easy to use from your smart phone or computer and is a very popular social medial platform used by millions of businesses, universities, news agencies and community organizations in Richmond, Canada and throughout the world. Follow us: **@BoydSecondary**.

Similarly, the school website is a great place to get information about our school. All Boyd families are encouraged to bookmark <https://boyd.sd38.bc.ca/> and check the website weekly. We have also added a new feature this year and you have the option of subscribing to our website. If you subscribe, you will receive an email when anything new is added to the main page or when a monthly school newsletter is published. Check it out today!

## Calendar at a Glance

HUGH BOYD 2024-25 School Calendar at a Glance	
New International Student Orientation	Wednesday, August 28
Schools Open-HRs and Assemblies	Tuesday, September 3
First Day of Semester 1 Classes	Wednesday, September 4
Grade 8 Activity Week	September 11, 18, 25, October 4
Photo Day	Monday, September 9
PAC Meeting	Thursday, September 12
Terry Fox Run	Wednesday, September 18
Meet the Teacher Night (Semester 1)	Thursday, September 19
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day	Friday, September 20
Clubs Day	Wednesday, September 25
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)	Monday, September 30
Collaboration Day	Wednesday October 2
World Teachers Day	Saturday, October 5
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 14
Photo Retakes	Thursday, October 17
Semester One Interim Learning Update	Thursday, October 24
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day (District Wide)	Friday October 25
GNA 10, GLA 10, GLA 12 Exams	Oct 25-Nov 5
Daylight Savings ends	Sunday, November 3
Take Our Kids to Work (Grade 9)	Wednesday, November 6
Collaboration Day	Wednesday November 6
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday November 8
Remembrance Day (school closed)	Monday, November 11
Sem 1 MidTerm Learning Update	Friday November 22
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday November 27
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday November 28
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day	Monday, December 2
Collaboration Day	Wednesday December 4
At-Risk Interims	Dec 16-20
Holiday Breakfast	Friday, December 20
Last day before holidays	Friday, December 20
Winter Vacation Period	December 23 to January 3
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday January 6
GNA 10, GLA 10, GLA 12 Exams	January 13-24
Program Planning Info Night	Thursday January 23
Last Day of Semester One classes	Friday January 24
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day	Monday, January 27
Learning Completion Day (no classes in session)	Tuesday, January 28
First Day of Semester 2 classes	Wednesday January 29
Semester 1 Final Learning Update Published	Friday January 31
Collaboration Day	Wednesday February 5
Meet the Teacher Semester 2	Thursday, February 6
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day	Friday February 14
BC Family Day	Monday February 17
Grade 12 Composite photos	Feb 22-Feb 26
Grade 10 MYP Personal Project Exhibition	Thursday, February 20
Pink Shirt Day-Anti-Bullying	Wednesday, February 26
Collaboration Day	Wednesday March 5
Semester 2 Interim Reports	Friday, March 7
Daylight Savings begins	Sunday, March 9
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 to 28
School Reopens after Spring Break	Monday, March 31
Collaboration Day	Wednesday April 2
GNA 10, GLA 10, GLA 12 Exams	April 7-11
Good Friday	Friday April 18
Easter Monday	Monday April 21
Report Cards Published (Semester 2: Term 1)	Thursday, April 25
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday April 30
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday May 1
Collaboration Day	Wednesday May 7
Fine Arts Night	Wednesday, May 14
Non-Instructional Professional Development Day (District Wide)	Friday May 16
Victoria Day	Monday May 19
GNA 10, GLA 10, GLA 12 Exams	June 2-13
Collaboration Day	Wednesday June 4
Valedictory Ceremony	Saturday June 7
Last Day of Semester 2 classes	Friday June 20
Learning Completion Days (no classes in session)	June 23-25
Year End Final Learning Updates Published	Thursday June 26
Administrative Day-Schools Closed	Friday June 27
Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad	June 27-28



## Career Centre

**WEBSITES: PROVIDES WEEKLY UPDATES ON POST SECONDARY, CAREER AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Career Centre Website:

### POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

**Education Planner:** [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca) EducationPlannerBC is an education planning tool that provides students with clear, reliable and detailed information on BC post- secondary education and applying. Log on and create an account. **myBlueprint** is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.

**‘NEW’ myBlueprint:** [www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38). For students who haven’t created their account, please follow these instructions:

#### **Getting Started:**

1. Visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/sd38)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select your school from the drop-down menu and click Create Account.
4. When prompted to select your account type, click on Student, select your grade, and click Continue
5. Enter your Education Number (PEN number) and Personal Info and click Continue 6. Enter the Account Info, and agree



### RICHMOND DISTRICT CAREERS PROGRAMS ( GRADE 10-12 )

- The Career Programs Office offers students in Richmond School District with opportunities to explore a variety of career options while still in high school. Whether students decide to pursue college, university or work after high school, these options open doors and allow students to:
  - get a head start in a chosen career path while still in high school
  - acquire skills relevant to today’s labor market needs
  - have flexibility and choice with respect to how, when and where learning takes place
- The *Youth Train in Trades* programs offer hands-on skills acquisition through post-secondary technical training to students in grades 11/12 (apply in grades 10/11). The first level of tuition is FREE (savings of ~\$2500-4000) - paid for by the Richmond School Board.
- The *Youth Work in Trades* program means students aged 15-19 "*earn while they learn*", acquiring high school credits and industry credentialing in recognized trade, while in high school.
- Throughout the school year, the Career Programs Office strives to engage students, educators, parents, and the Richmond community to learn more about the skilled trades and other career areas by offering a variety of professional learning opportunities, activities, and events. Our office is available for classroom presentations and can facilitate student try-a-trade experiences at various post-secondary schools. (Currently, these are virtual.)
- We offer several other career exploration opportunities. These are outlined in our Career Programs flyer (find in the "*Programs*" tab)
- We invite you to explore our website to learn more about the various career development resources available to help determine "*A Future without Limits*": <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/>

### VOLUNTEER AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG)** – All Richmond students should contact this group to access student volunteer and leadership opportunities: <https://rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms/information-volunteer-centre> Contact: 604.279.7020, Location: #190 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, BC

**The City of Richmond**– The city of Richmond offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for students, adults, and seniors. To get started, visit website and register. To register as an individual, group, Richmond Public Library, or with Emergency Services, please click on the appropriate option. Alternatively, you can search for our current volunteer positions by using the Volunteer Opportunities Search, and then register as a volunteers once you have found a suitable opportunity: <https://www.richmond.ca/parksrec/about/volunteer.htm>.

**Service Canada Youth & Student Employment:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/opportunities/student.html>

**The Career Centre at Hugh Boyd is open Mon 8:00-3:00 and Wed 8:00-3:00 & alternating Fri’s to answer any questions or provide assistance regarding post-secondary entry. Students/parents may book an appointment with Mr. Mg by sending him an email at [hng@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:hng@sd38.bc.ca)**

**NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM – 2024/25**  
(Due to Extenuating Circumstances)

This form is to be completed for any student(s) who expects to return to HUGH BOYD SECONDARY SCHOOL

LATER THAN 12:00 pm Wednesday, Sep. 4, 2024 AND ON or BEFORE Sep. 11, 2024

Please complete this form and return to the school Principal before June 21, 2024. Please attach a letter that contains an explanation of the extenuating circumstances for returning late in September.

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Student Last Name	Student First Name	Sept. Grade
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**THE DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL for my child(ren) will be:**

**Please note that being absent at the start of the school year has the following ramifications for students:**

1. Missed valuable instructional time, therefore missed valuable learning opportunities.
2. Missed valuable teacher and administrative explanations of expectations and routines for the course & school.
3. Missed valuable opportunities to make important social connections at the start of a school year.
4. If a student is not returning on or before September 11, 2024, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the student's late return.

**In conclusion, the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.**

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2024 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email.

School Email Address: [boyd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:boyd@sd38.bc.ca)

**I understand that if my child does not return to school by September 11, 2024 they may lose their placement and may have to attend another school upon their late return.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_